

COMMITTEE ON BILLS ON SECOND READING

May 1, 2007

**Aldermen Duval, Lopez,
Gatsas, Garrity, Pinard**

6:00 PM

**Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

Chairman Duval called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Duval, Lopez, Gatsas, Garrity, Pinard

Messrs.: Brandy Stanley

TABLED ITEM

3. Ordinance:

“Amending Chapter 70: Motor Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by inserting a new Millyard parking lot permit option in Section 70:54(B): Permit Parking In Lieu of Coin Deposit for various parking lots within the Millyard.”

(Tabled 03/06/2007)

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by alderman Pinard, it was voted to remove item 3 from the table for discussion.

Chairman Duval asked does any member of the Committee have any questions of Ms. Stanley.

Alderman Gatsas asked didn't we just remove permit parking in the lot across from City Hall?

Ms. Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, replied yes.

Alderman Gatsas asked can you give me an analysis of why we would do it down here and eliminate the one across the street?

Ms. Stanley replied we're not proposing to eliminate any permit parking in the Millyard it's a completely different type of parking organization, parking market. This particular ordinance is adding basically a sub-permit to the existing permits we already have because one of the Millyard tenants is a light industrial company and is expanding very rapidly and just started a second shift that starts at I believe 3:30 PM and they came to us and basically there's a 2/2.5 hour overlap for the paid parking time in parking lot and they didn't make financial sense to them to pay full price for a parking permit when they're only parking 25% of the time allowed in the parking lots. What we did was we propose to create an afternoon parking permit in that lot at 25% of the cost of the normal parking permit and it's only valid starting at 3 PM.

Alderman Gatsas asked how many of those permits are we issuing at these coin operated venues?

Ms. Stanley replied none of the parking lots in the Millyard currently have meters in them they're all permit only parking lots.

Alderman Gatsas asked then why am I reading this ordinance as being something different? It says "permit parking in lieu of coin deposits for various parking lots within the Millyard".

Ms. Stanley stated exactly...like I said the parking lots in the Millyard currently are all permit parking although we do have the option to put in coin operated machines if we want to it just isn't something that's been appropriate until fairly recently and we'll be going over that tomorrow morning in the Millyard Parking Summit. Basically all this is doing is another type of permit to compliment what's already in the parking lot.

Alderman Lopez stated just give us and pluses and minuses of why you're doing this.

Ms. Stanley stated one of the reasons we're doing this...the biggest reason is we'd like to create this evening permit is because if you have a parking lot that currently full with full all day parkers usually after lunchtime around two or three people actually start to leave and create vacancies. So having a permit that starts at three o'clock allows us to sell permits to additional people so that we can provide parking for more people that don't necessarily have the same need for an all day parking pass. Like for instance in a parking lot if I'm completely at capacity with all day monthly parkers I still starting at three o'clock I still have additional capacity because the daytime parkers start to leave. So if I create a permit where I can sell additional monthly parking to people that will only be there at three o'clock or after I can actually provide parking for those employees.

Alderman Lopez asked would it be the employees...is the \$30 event tag separate?

Ms. Stanley replied yes that is separate.

Alderman Lopez asked would they be able to use that down there too?

Ms. Stanley replied the event.

Alderman Lopez stated if I have an event tag for \$30 I can park at any 10-hour meter.

Ms. Stanley stated I'm not really sure what a \$30 event tag is.

Alderman Lopez stated neither am I that's what it said.

Alderman Gatsas stated is said civic center event decal \$30...10-hour meter in all districts not otherwise posted.

Alderman Lopez stated my question would be if I had that.

Chairman Duval interjected Ms. Stanley do you have that document?

Ms. Stanley replied no I don't.

Chairman Duval asked can the Clerk give her a copy please.

Alderman Lopez stated if you sell me one for \$40 I believe right...on-street Millyard parking right and I have an event tag I can still park there right according to that.

Ms. Stanley stated I apologize I'm not familiar with that...with an event tag.

Chairman Duval stated do you want to just take a look at that.

Ms. Stanley stated my new understanding of what the event tag is...it was created in anticipation of running a shuttle service to and from events/venues like the Fisher Cats and the Verizon so you could purchase an event tag, park in one of those parking lots and take a shuttle back and forth...that is not currently in use...there is no shuttle being provided for events.

Alderman Lopez stated there is nothing being provided.

Ms. Stanley stated no just because it's ordinance doesn't mean it's in use and this particular event tag is not in use.

Alderman Lopez stated if I read this ordinance and came to you you mean to tell me that you don't have to comply with it.

Ms. Stanley stated I'm not saying I don't have to comply with it it's just not in use, there's no demand for a shuttle back and forth to the venues.

Alderman Lopez stated I'm just trying to clear it up in my own mind. If I come over there and say I'd like to have a civic center event decal for \$30 can I park in the Millyard?

Ms. Stanley asked can I do some research and get back to you?

Alderman Lopez replied yes. I think that we should address that if that's a problem and I was wondering what's the minuses for the employees in the Millyard who pay their \$40 and have a parking place there...how is that going to affect the Fisher Cats' games? Has anybody looked into that?

Ms. Stanley replied yes. We have looked at that as part of the Millyard Parking Plan that we're getting ready to unveil tomorrow morning.

Alderman Lopez asked have you contacted the Fisher Cats to get input from them that they would have no problem with that because a lot of people park down there and walk down to the Fisher Cats games and if you're designating these areas and people are parked there and have tags and they're employees then where are the people going to park?

Ms. Stanley replied I have spoken to the Fisher Cats and they are in support of the plan that we're going to be unveiling tomorrow. Really the only conflict between Fisher Cats fans and the regular monthly parkers in the Millyard is during the day games...the weekday games. Most of the other games are on the weekends and in the evenings...usually the first pitches are between 6 and 7 and it really doesn't conflict with the people that have monthly parking passes downtown are down in the Millyard because they're starting to leave when the fans are coming in. So, the day games are really the only conflict and that's something that we've been working with the Fisher Cats on.

Chairman Duval stated Ms. Stanley if I might...primarily your concern with responding to an immediate need that I understand has already been instituted, we're already acting on and in response to a direct need by one of the resident businesses in the Millyard with the exception of this issue concerning the civic

center event decal is your primary focus we don't need to act on that portion of the ordinance tonight I don't know if we can somehow exclude it by way of amending the ordinance.

Ms. Stanley stated I believe the civic center event decal already exists.

Deputy Clerk Normand stated it's already an ordinance.

Ms. Stanley stated we're not proposing a change to that but as I told Alderman Lopez I'd be rather happy to research it.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated if you're concerned about that that would probably be the appropriate action is to request that the Traffic Committee go back and review that section.

Alderman Lopez stated just a clarification if somebody who knows about this ordinance now and they walk in would you have to give them a decal?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied I don't believe she has to, I believe that they went to the Traffic Committee and they made some changes based on the fact that there was not enough parking permits needed or required in the Millyard but I could be wrong...that's why I'm saying it's probably appropriate to send that back to the Parking Manager and the Traffic Committee to further review but that section presently is law and the only section that's being changed is that which is highlighted in the first section, I believe, on the page.

Alderman Lopez stated it sounds right to me.

Alderman Pinard asked have you got some kind of controls. I look at Arms Park in the Millyard and we have a lot of industry and I think this is where you come into parking for the employees over there. Have you got any kind of...say they have two shifts...you are going to have a sticker control...red and blue...for instance, depending on the shift?

Ms. Stanley stated that's correct. The evening permits are a completely different color and they designate the lot that they're valid in. They don't look the same as the full day permits.

Chairman Duval asked are there any further questions from Committee members.

Alderman Garrity moved to recommend that the ordinance ought to pass.
Alderman Lopez duly seconded the motion.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson interjected Mr. Chairman I just want to clarify because there was a response to a business in the Millyard as I understand it. This ordinance would come out as an ought to pass from Committee but it would end up laying over till another meeting or two before it would pass.

Chairman Duval asked Ms. Stanley is there a sense of urgency with regard to suspending the rules and passing this?

Ms. Stanley replied yes there is. I would like to request that the Committee suspends the rules if possible.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated that would be a recommendation you would have to make to the Board that's why I brought it up.

Chairman Duval asked are you willing to include that in your motion. Under the circumstances I think we probably should.

Alderman Lopez stated I though it had to lay over because it's a fee.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied no it's not a penalty so it would not have to lay over.

Chairman Duval stated it appears as though Alderman Pinard and Alderman Lopez have agreed to amend the motion to account for that. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee